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## PROPOSAL TO ASSIGN LIVERPOOL POND NAME

The Geographical Names Board has received a proposal from Liverpool City Council regarding the naming of a pond located in Middleton Drive in Middleton Grange.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board, Des Mooney, said public feedback was being sought on the proposal to name the pond the *Agazio Riitano Pond*.

Agazio Riitano was well known in the Liverpool-Hoxton Park area for his honesty and hard work.

He migrated to Australia in 1954 and lived his entire life in Australia in the Liverpool area. He lived at Hoxton Park and worked in a factory during the week while also working on various farms to earn money to buy a house for his wife and son who arrived in 1956.

The family lived on a three-and-a-half acre farm at Moorebank from 1956 to 1972, where Mr Riitano dedicated his life to growing vegetable crops and fruit trees and rearing animals. His produce was sold at the Sydney Markets.

From 1972 Mr Riitano lived at Middleton Grange (formerly West Hoxton). In his later years, he shared his love of the land with students from Thomas Hassall Anglican College, which was situated opposite his property. He worked the land in addition to working in a factory until he was in his mid-60s.

Mr Mooney said the board is encouraging community comment before it considers the proposal.

“It is important that place names reflect the character and history of the local area and community,” he said.

“We want to make sure everyone has an opportunity to provide their feedback on the proposed name.”

Details of the proposal can be viewed and submissions lodged on the Geographical Names Board’s website at [www.gnb.nsw.gov.au](http://www.gnb.nsw.gov.au).

Alternatively written submissions may be lodged with the Secretary, Geographical Names Board, 346 Panorama Ave, Bathurst, NSW, 2795.

The closing date for submissions is 12 January 2015.

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